

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A multifunction apparatus having at least a copying function, connecting with a server via a network, the apparatus comprising;
a panel configured to display a menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus;
a controller configured to communicate with the server, to receive information regarding the menu from the sever, and to have the menu displayed on the panel based on the information regarding the menu.
2. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information regarding the menu is commonly utilized for the multifunction apparatus and for another multifunction apparatus.
3. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized only for the multifunction apparatus.
4. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus.
5. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus is an operation customized for a particular user.
6. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information regarding the menu contains a menu item name, the menu item name indicating a job that the multifunction apparatus performs.
7. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information regarding the menu contains a menu item name, a job-ID and a job parameter.
8. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the multifunction apparatus additionally has at least one of a scanning, printing, and a facsimile transmission function and the job ID includes at least one of copying, printing, scanning and fax transmission.

9. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type and paper size for copying.

10. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size and resolution for printing.

11. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size, resolution and file format for scanning.

12. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the job parameter includes at least one of an image type, paper size, resolution and file format for facsimile transmission.

13. A multifunction apparatus having at least a copying function, connected with a server via a network, the apparatus comprising;

a panel configured to display a menu representing functions of the apparatus;

a key configured to obtain information regarding a menu from the server;

a controller configured to communicate with the server, to receive the information regarding the menu from the server, and to have the menu displayed on the panel based on the information regarding the menu, when the key is pressed.

14. A multifunction apparatus having at least a function of a copier, connecting with a server via a network, the apparatus comprising;

a panel configured to display a menu representing functions of the apparatus;

a key configured to input user ID;

a controller configured to communicate with the server, to receive information regarding a menu corresponding to the user ID from the sever, and to have the menu corresponding to the user ID displayed on the panel based on the information regarding the menu.

15. A server connecting with a multifunction apparatus via a network, the server comprising;

a communicator configured to communicate with the multifunction apparatus via the network;

a controller configured to send a signal to the multifunction apparatus for obtaining information regarding a menu that is displayed on a panel of the multifunction apparatus, to obtain the information regarding the menu from the multifunction apparatus, and to store the information in a memory.

16. The server according to claim 15, wherein, the information regarding the menu contains information regarding a maximum number of characters that can displayed on the display of the multifunction apparatus.

17. The server according to claim 15, wherein the information regarding the menu contains information regarding capabilities of the multifunction apparatus.

18. The server according to claim 15, wherein the controller being further configured to transmit the information stored in the memory to the panel of the multifunction apparatus distinct from the multifunction apparatus from which the information was obtained.

19. A server connecting with a multifunction apparatus via a network, the server comprising;

a key configured to send a signal for obtaining information regarding a menu from the multifunction apparatuses;

a communicator configured to communicate with the multifunction apparatus via the network;

a controller configured to send a signal to the multifunction apparatus for obtaining information regarding the menu that is displayed on a panel of the multifunction apparatus, to obtain the information regarding the menu from the multifunction apparatus, and to store the information in a memory, when the key is pressed .

20. A server connecting a plurality of multifunction apparatuses via a network comprising;

a communicator configured to communicate with a plurality of the multifunction apparatuses via the network;

a controller configured to send the signal for obtaining information regarding menus to all of a plurality of the multifunction apparatus, to obtain the information regarding the menus from all of a plurality of the multifunction apparatuses, and to store the information regarding the menus in a memory.

21. A server connecting a plurality of multifunction apparatuses via a network comprising;

a key configured to send a signal for obtaining information regarding menus from all of a plurality of multifunction apparatuses;

a communicator configured to communicate with a plurality of the multifunction apparatuses via the network;

a controller configured to send the signal to all of a plurality of the multifunction apparatus when a key is pressed, to obtain the information regarding the menus from all of a plurality of the multifunction apparatuses, and to store the information regarding the menus in a memory.

22. A server connecting a multifunction apparatus via a network comprising;

a memory configured to store information regarding a menu that is displayed on a panel of the multifunction apparatus;

a communicator configured to communicate with the multifunction apparatus via the network;

a controller configured to receive a signal from the multifunction apparatus requesting the information regarding a menu, and to transmit the information regarding the menu to the multifunction apparatus.

23. The server according to claim 22, wherein the information regarding the menu is formed based on first information regarding a maximum number of characters that can be displayed on the panel of the multifunction apparatus and second information regarding capabilities of the multifunction apparatus.

24. A server connecting a plurality of multifunction apparatuses via a network comprising;

a memory configured to store information regarding menus of a plurality of the multifunction apparatuses;

a communicator configured to communicate with the multifunction apparatus via the network;

a controller configured to receive a signal requesting the information regarding a menu with together user ID from the multifunction apparatus, to search the memory for the information regarding the menu corresponding to user ID, and to transmit the information regarding the menu to the multifunction apparatus in association with the user ID.

25. A server connecting a plurality of multifunction apparatuses via a network comprising;

a memory configured to store a recipient information that is utilized for having image data from a multifunction apparatus transmitted to a recipient;

a communicator configured to communicate with a plurality of multifunction apparatuses via the network;

a controller configured to receive image data from a first multifunction apparatus which can not perform a facsimile transmission, and to send the image data with together the recipient information to a second multifunction apparatus which can perform a facsimile transmission, and to have the second multifunction apparatus transmitted the image data to the recipient via a public phone line based on the recipient information.

26. The server according to claim 25, wherein the recipient information includes a fax number of the recipient.

27. The server according to claim 25, wherein the recipient information includes an IP address of the first multifunction apparatus, the second multifunction apparatus utilizing the IP address sent a result of a facsimile transmission to the first multifunction apparatus.

28. A multifunction apparatus having at least a scanning function and not having a facsimile transmission function, the multifunction apparatus connected with a server via a network, the multifunction apparatus comprising;

a scanner configured to scan a document;

a panel configured to display a menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus;

a controller configured to communicate with the server, to receive information regarding a menu from the sever, and to have a menu displayed on the panel based on the information regarding the menu; and

said controller configures to send, to the server, a scanned image data with together information indicating a multifunction apparatus which can transmit the image data to a recipient, when a menu indicating a facsimile transmission function is displayed on the panel, based on the information regarding the menu, and a facsimile transmission is selected on the menu.

29. The multifunction apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the controller utilizes a scanning function to scan a document, when the facsimile transmission is selected on the menu.

30 A server system including a server and a multifunction apparatus connecting with each other via network comprising;

the server comprising;

a communicator configured to communicate with the multifunction apparatus via the network;

a controller configured to send a signal for obtaining information regarding a menu that is displayed on a panel of the multifunction apparatus, and to obtain the information regarding the menu from the multifunction apparatus;

the multifunction apparatus comprising;

a panel configured to display a menu representing functions of the apparatus;

a controller configured to communicate with the server, to receive information regarding the menu from the sever, and to have the menu displayed on the panel based on the information regarding the menu.

31. A method for controlling a multifunction apparatus having at least copying function, the multifunction apparatus connecting a server via a network, the multifunction

apparatus having a panel that displays a menu representing functions of the multifunction apparatus, the method comprising;

communicating with the server;

receiving information regarding the menu from the sever; and

having the menu displayed on the panel based on the information regarding the menu.

32. The method according to claim 31, wherein the information regarding the menu is commonly utilized for the multifunction apparatus and for another multifunction apparatus.

33. The method according to claim 31, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized only for the multifunction apparatus.

34. The method according to claim 31, wherein the information regarding the menu is utilized for at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus.

35. The method according to claim 34, wherein at least one of a plurality of functions of the multifunction apparatus is an operation customized for a particular user.